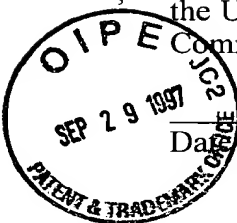


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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated March 25, 1997, from June 25, 1997 to September 25, 1997. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$465 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,
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